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"The hope of the gospel... preached to every creature which is under heaven," Colossians 1:23.



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COVER PICTURE

A farm scene in Ireland. In this remarkable year—of celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of Church of God missions—a series of Scriptures will show us the soul harvest scene. John 4:35, "Say not ye, There are four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."

Joel 3:13, "Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe." and Matthew 9:37, 38, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest." Yet we well know that the harvest will soon be over and many will be saying, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." Jeremiah 8:20.

While we rejoice for the wonderful past accomplishments, we will not relax the hold or rest from the day's labor, for the night cometh when no man can work!

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Rev. and Mrs. H. L. Turner, and their four children, missionaries to India, have returned for a year of furlough. Their mailing address will be box 428, Doraville, Georgia.

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*A*RE missionaries unbalanced? Of course they are. I'm one. I ought to know.

A missionary probably began as an ordinary person. He dressed like other people; he liked to play tennis and listen to music.

But even before leaving for the field, he became "different." Admired by some, pitied by others, he was known as one who was leaving parents, prospects and home for—a vision. So he seemed to be visionary.

Now that he's come home again he's even more different. To him some things—big things—just don't seem important. Even the World Series or the Davis Cup matches don't interest him especially. And, apparently, he doesn't see things as other people see them. The chance of a lifetime—to meet Toscanini personally—seems to leave him cold. It makes you want to ask where he's been.

Well, where has he been?

Where the conflict with evil is open and intense; a fight, not a fashion—where clothes don't matter, because there's little time to take care of them—where people are dying for help he might give, most of them not even knowing he has the help—where the sun means 120 in the shade, and he can't spend his time in the shade.

Not only space, but time too seems to have passed him by. When you talk about beatniks, he looks puzzled. When you mention Harry Belafonte, he asks who he is. You wonder how long he's been away.

This article has been reprinted by more periodicals than any other that has ever been published in HIS. It may even hold a record for any Christian magazine. Dr. Sterrett is a missionary statesman in India, at present under appointment by IFES, previously serving with the Independent Board for Presbyterian Missions.

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Are Missionaries Unbalanced?

By T. NORTON STERRETT

All right, how long has he been away? Long enough for thirty million people to go into eternity without Christ, with no chance to hear the gospel; some of them went right before his eyes when that flimsy riverboat overturned, when that cholera epidemic struck, when that Hindu-Moslem riot broke out.

How long has he been gone? Long enough to have had two sieges of amoebic dysentery, to nurse his wife through repeated attacks of malaria, to get the news of his mother's death before he knew she was sick.

How long? Long enough to see a few outcaste men and women turn to Christ, to see them drink in the Bible teaching he gave them, to struggle and suffer with them through the persecution that developed from non-Christian relatives, to see them grow into a steady band of believers conducting their own worship, to see this group develop an indigenous church that is reaching out to the community.

Yes, he's been away a long time.

So he's different. But unnecessarily so now, it seems. At least, since he's in this country, he could pay more attention to his clothes, to what's going on around

the country, to recreation, to social life.

Of course he could.

But he can't forget—at least most of the time—that the price of a new suit would buy 3,200 Gospels; that while an American spends one day in business, 5,000 Indians or Chinese go into eternity without Christ.

So when a missionary comes to your church or your Christian group, remember that he will probably be different. If he stumbles for a word now and then, he may have been fluently speaking a foreign tongue almost exclusively for seven years. If he isn't in the orator class, he may not have had a chance to speak English from a pulpit for awhile. He may be eloquent on the street of an Indian bazaar.

If he doesn't seem to warm up as quickly as you want, if he seems less approachable than a youth evangelist or college professor, remember he's been under a radically different social system since before you started high school, and maybe is unfamiliar with casual conversation.

Sure the missionary is unbalanced.

But by whose scales? Your or God's?

Off the Beaten Path

VERAGUAS

We have contacted a new Indian tribe named "Sabanere." They are located in the mountain areas of Veraguas Province near El Jacinto which, in turn, is about 75 miles from Santiago, Panama. We have recently returned from this area, and we baptized 17 of these Indians. There are many more that have just accepted Christ, but Brother Miguel Mendez felt it would be best to baptize them on our next trip there. These Indians, like the Guaymis Indians in Chiriqui, are very modest in their dress. They all wear the same color clothing; that is, a cream color. The men wear short trousers of the same material and a shirt. The women's dresses are long from the neck to the soles of their feet. I would say there are about 300 more of these Indians. Theirs is wild isolated country with no roads, but only foot paths. We traveled 17 hours on horseback to reach these people. To see them saved and accept Christ was worth all of our labor.

—A. J. Angvick
Panama

DORNIBIRN

In the last weeks I visited Austria, and there is an open door in that land. This country is mostly Roman Catholic and the real Bible truth is not known.

The brethren there begged me to come over and help them. Late in May I arranged a meeting at Dornibirn, Austria. This is a fine industrial town close to the Lake of Constance. Pray for us and help us whenever you can to carry on for the glory of God with great hopes of seeing God's banner fly over all of Europe.

—Herman Lauster
Germany

"And the Lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled," Luke 15:23.

BOLILCHE

My husband received all kinds of congratulations as he maneuvered the car up those bare hills, around stumps and deep holes and finally sidewise until we thought it would tip over. We arrived at our destination which was to be our home for seven nights. Our breakfast that week consisted of bread, coffee or tea and honey. Supper was a repetition of that. Lunch was a little better, some kind of partially dried meat, well prepared with either lentils, rice or potatoes. Our only fruit was green apples. Nightly, from 45 to 125 Indians came to the meetings, the first of their kind ever to be held in Bolilche. Our visitation and open-air meetings on hilltops round about made people curious to see what kind of evangelicals these were—people who came shouting scripture texts and singing choruses over a battery-run double loud speaker. For several nights we saw no conversions, but finally five or six promising young folks came. The last glorious night around twelve were seeking God for salvation. A piece of land was donated to the church and a building project is already under way—if God will only provide for a building to hold no less than 200 of the precious Indians in "Bolilche Land."

—Mrs. Eddie F. Outhouse
Chile

GWELO

To move into the large city African Townships is one of our prime objectives for the next four years. Our order of development in this work is first to get permission to build an African church. As soon as this permission is signed, Brother Bob Bosworth moves in with an African crew to build between 3,000 and 4,000 large 18 x 9 x 6 concrete blocks. About three weeks later when the blocks are ready, he erects his large tent which will seat nearly 2,000 Africans. During his campaign, which lasts about three weeks, the church goes up near the tent. When the campaign is finished, the church is generally far enough along for services, and a special dedication service affords opportunity to assess results. Gwelo, Southern Rhodesia, has just had this experience and we are happy for the church that is now located there. A worker to spearhead the move preceded all of this by about eighteen months. Thirteen new workers have been sent to other key places in the Rhodesias.

—Mervyn G. McLuhan
Central Africa

The consolation and assurance of a hope beyond this life is the brightest spot in earth's darkest hour—death. After news of the merciless tidal wave that struck Hawaii, we waited hourly for messages of its devastation and at last the cable came. Here Lucy Helton, the missionary's wife, tells the story of heartbreak which will only in eternity be fully mended with that glorious

“GOOD MORNING” on the other side

KARL AND ALVIN Nakashima's names were on the list of dead. The missionary called the newspaper office and asked for a confirmation of this, for the information had not been released. Even after they confirmed it, it was hard for us to accept for we were so stunned by the news. There was still no information about their parents, Kenneth and Michie, nor of one of our families that lived next door to them.

All morning the missionary tried to reach this area by telephone, but there was no use. Trying since early morn to contact the missionary, someone was able around noon to get a message through. Everyone else was all right; only the two Nakashima boys were dead. We made immediate arrangements to go to Hilo where Brother Nakashima pastors the Church of God.

At the airport in Hilo Brother Takahashi was ready to take us to his house where the Nakashimas and Konanui family with their five children were staying. The Konanui home had been ripped off its foundation and carried from its location, but no one had been hurt. Brother and Sister Nakashima were broken with their sorrow. We could not help sharing their grief, for the boys, their only children, had grown up under our ministry, and they were dear to us.

One would have to see the devastation to believe that a tidal wave could cause so much destruction. Many times people had slept through the alerts which,



perhaps at the most, rose two or three feet; in fact, just hours before, the first, the second and the third waves had come and the highest had barely reached three feet. The fourth was met by the receding water traveling like a fast river, the wave itself reaching a speed of about 450 miles an hour. Some said it sounded like thirty super trucks racing with their throttles wide open; others said it was like jet airplanes. It was to this sound that the Nakashimas awakened and felt their house rocking and tossing crazily. It was pitch black; there were no lights. They could do nothing, but they called for their children. All around in the darkness they heard crying, screaming, and people frantically calling for loved ones.

The water had carried the house several feet. The corner of another house had rammed into the bedroom where the boys lay sleeping, and it had trapped them in their bed. Their parents worked hard and fast to free them when this was discovered. Brother Konanui groped his way in the dark over the debris to help, and together in the dark they did all they could. When other help came, they sawed through the heavy beams; but Karl and Alvin had already gone to be with Jesus. They said their last good night to Mother and Dad when they went to bed. The parents never heard another sound from them. The next time they hear their voices, it will be “good morning” on the other side.

While we pray for this dedicated couple let us remember others who have lost of their own flesh and blood in similar perils. Missionaries and other spiritual administrators need guidance and strength for the extra stress placed upon them in times like these. In the Hawaii disaster Brother Helton conducted numerous funerals for strangers and acquaintances alike. He spent long days aiding those in distress.

the widow's mites

OME FOUR or five years ago while attending a convention in St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands, I noticed a very old woman. She was a thin little old brown woman. I asked her if I could make her picture, and she consented. Then I asked her how old she was.

She said, "I am eighty years old. I had a birthday just a few days ago."

I asked her, "What do you do?"

"I work every day," she said.

I said, "Why do you, an old woman, work here?"

She said, "The reason that I work is that I have no husband. I have no brother, no sister, no son and no daughter. I have no one to work for me; therefore, I have to work."

Then I asked her how much she earned.

She said, "I earn ten dollars a month."

To her, this must have been a large amount of money.

Then I blundered on in my talking and asked her, "What do you do with this money?"

She said, "Well, sir, I give half of it for the CHURCH OF GOD

FOREIGN MISSIONS, and I use the other half to live on."

I could hardly believe my ears, so I asked her the second time what she did with the money, and she told me the same thing. Then I asked Brother Bolan, our missionary, about this.

He said, "Yes, Brother Brummett, she gives five dollars of her earnings each month for the missions. She only earns ten dollars a month." He further stated that she had been doing this for several years and that she not only does this, but from the five dollars that she has left for herself, she pays fifty cents tithes which leaves her only four dollars and a half per month for her own livelihood.

I asked the old woman, "Why do you do this?"

She said, "The reason that I do it is this: Henry Stoppe a CHURCH OF GOD MISSIONARY, came here. He preached to us the gospel of Jesus Christ, and he preached to us about a place called heaven. I have been saved; I have accepted Christ; I am on my way to that place called heaven. I do not have many more days here; therefore, I want to do something while God lets me live. I could not do less than what I am doing."

I visited the home of this old lady. It was a little building about 8 x 10 feet. It had a rickety old bed on one side and a very rough little table on the other side. There was a tin can on the table that was blackened and smoked—here she had been boiling water or cooking food. The little old house was made out of different materials, some wood, tin, patched up in different ways. A very poor place.

This old lady is dead now. God called her home to her eternal reward. I do not think she will have to live in the shack up there in heaven, for our God tells us that there are many mansions there.

A little old brown widow woman "of her penury hath cast in all the living that she had" and forevermore will live of "His riches in glory."

—A. W. Brummett
West Indies Superintendent

OFFERINGS FOR MISSIONS

"Our mission offering to the State Convention last year was in the neighborhood of \$150." Brother E. R. Waller, pastor in Waynesburg, Pennsylvania, returned to his church from the Bahama mission anniversary cruise, made arrangements for Brother Paul J. Searcy, Nigerian missionary, to conduct a mission rally, and even with a number of his members on the "night shift," an offering of \$873.21 was received. We would like to report other churches who have shown such remarkable increases—in this case almost six times more than the previous year.

THE REWARD OF WITNESSING

Returning home from the ruins of an old medieval castle where we had our spring picnic, one of the students had an automobile accident. As he was thrown from the car onto the street, his foot was broken, which will hospitalize him for several months. However, as every true believer should, he tried to give the best to the Master. In his distress he found time to witness for his Savior, because Jesus said, "But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

In our personal evangelism class we had impressed upon our Bible School students the necessity of telling the story of Jesus to those we meet and they had been taught how to do this. The young man put into practice what he had learned. The man in the next bed, who was dying of a dreaded disease, was won to Christ and saved for eternity.

—Lamar McDaniel
Krehwinkel, Germany

PICTURE STORY of LITERATURE EVANGELISM

By John Maxwell*



Young lives of India are rapidly becoming literate. Every village of over 300 persons in Madras State will have a school within one mile, and it will be compulsory for all children between the ages of 6 and 11 to attend regularly. Literacy figures show an increase from about 17% in 1951, to an estimated 39% in 1959.

The Indian helper has bags filled with salvation leaflets and tracts; his modern means of transport is a three-wheel autoricksha.

There is no opposition to this ministry in South India, however in the north there is strong and even fanatical opposition. Leaflets are torn up immediately and the pieces thrown back in one's face. Threats of violence are made, but the door for the gospel is still open in India.

The children take precedence in one's audience. Pictorial tracts are most popular—and even a used Christmas or greeting card on which has been stamped John 3:16 is accepted gladly.

In the busy market place, Brother John Maxwell pauses a moment for the photographer. He holds a magazine in each hand.

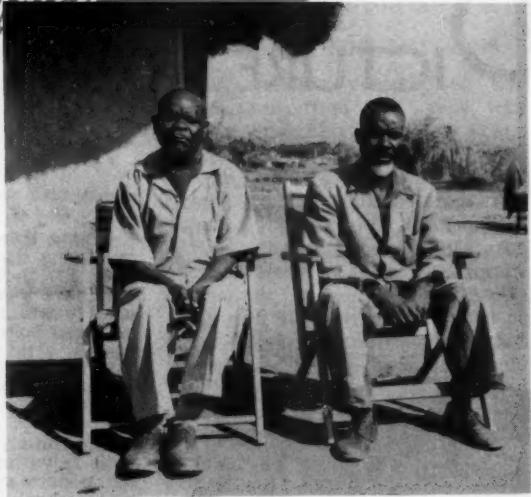


*Brother Maxwell's ministry is the distribution of literature and Gospel portions, and his prayer is "that many labourers of India's own soil will be raised up in these last hours to do this work among their own people."

Central Africa



John Kurebga, our blind Rhodesian evangelist, is a pioneer in the Gutu Reservation. Here (center front), together with Brother McLuhan and workers, he inspects a solid rock base upon which will be built one of his new churches.



How would you pray for this man? Rev. Bilson Sika (bearded) is our district supervisor in Nyasaland. Seated beside him is Chief George Gwaza, who asked Missionary McLuhan to pray that he might also find Christ.

Guatemala



Any country can rightfully be proud of its young people who aspire to work for God. This is a Bible School class in Quezaltenango, Guatemala. The missionary (not pictured) is Vergil Wolf.

Gilbert Islands

Brother and Sister Edward Kustel have been ministering in the Gilbert Islands since 1955, and progress has been steady. A native pastor stands behind the four candidates for baptism as Brother Kustel offers prayer.



What Awaits Us?

Crusade for Christ in Germany

WHAT AWAITS us?" Over-night, bright placards asking this question began appearing on buildings, automobiles and in other conspicuous places. These placards and thousands of small invitation tracts were distributed to announce Ray Hughes' meeting in Stuttgart, Germany. Groups of people could be seen enthusiastically reading each placard. The large auditorium in the heart of town was filled on opening night, and the wonderful special music was enjoyed by everyone.

But neither advertisement nor the music prepared the first-timers for Ray Hughes. He seemed almost to explode upon them. God's infinite wisdom led him to speak for the first three nights on "Godless Religion." No one had told him of the condition of Europe, but God showed him what was needed. The powerful Word seemed to shake all pillars and foundations of their religion. As he would utter some dynamic statement, people would turn to each other in consternation and amazement as if seeking confirmation of what they had just heard. The messages kept gnawing away the last shreds of self-righteous, pious religion. The people grew uneasy. Some got up and left in a huff. Yet others were transformed as they sought and found God sweet to their souls for the first time in their lives. One old gentleman, purposing his own hiding, said, "Well, I'm not a Communist or a Bolshevik at least."

On one night God's Spirit was very near during the altar call. Brother Hughes said he felt that three women had not yielded to the voice of God. After the meeting a woman hurried forward and, weeping, said, "I am one of those women. What must I do to be saved?" She was gloriously saved that same night.

There was prayer for the sick, and many were instantly healed. God was present in a wonderful way.

The Spirit of God was given perfect liberty at all times, and each night more came forward. It was a new thing for many people.

The singing and the testimonies of the young people were a positive accent in the meetings. It was an impressive sight to see them so decided and so dedicated to the cause of Christ.

A HOLY GHOST rally was held on the last night. The auditorium was packed. As Brother Hughes preached, he became lost in the Spirit. The people were hearing, many for the first time, a message on the Holy Ghost. When he invited those who would like to be filled with the Holy Ghost, there were fifty or sixty who came forward. God's power began falling and many spoke in other tongues. It was glorious! That picture has been burned into our minds.

How many years have these people looked to their Catholic or Lutheran leaders for spiritual meat

and drink only to be forced to go away hungry and thirsty? Now they seemed to be asking, "Is this, at last, fulfillment?" This question was answered as soon as they felt the power of God upon them. One woman, a picture of despair, who had been in almost every meeting, was transformed before our eyes into a laughing, beautiful, joy-filled person.

The German ministers and hundreds of laymen left the meeting completely changed. Our hope is that as Germany was changed by the ministry of Ray Hughes, so shall his ministry be changed by this meeting. May it become broader in scope and even more powerful.

In the early morning hours on the day of his departure, Brother Hughes arose to find the whole lovely springtime world wrapped in a feathery blanket of snow. How appropriate the picture! How many lives had been transformed by the covering of the blood through his ministry. The gospel is the only thing that will cover sin, the scars of war, the hatred of mankind against his brother. It is the only thing the world needs. May this powerful minister be able to preach in many nations as long as the doors are open to the gospel.

The placard posed the question, "What awaits us?" We hope the answer is, "Another great meeting with Ray Hughes in Germany in the near future."

—Bobbie Lauster
Germany

Brasilia Bound!

Shortly after the General Assembly four young ladies will begin a venture of faith with God to work for Him in Brazil. Their courage will inspire many readers who will be looking forward to sharing their experiences on these pages in the future. May God bless them, anoint them, and supply all their needs.

THE CALL

To experience the call to service for our Master as described to us in Matthew 28:19, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations," is to experience a whole new life of dedication and service.

It is a most humbling privilege to be called of God to go to a foreign missions field. I was called into this service at the age of twelve. God spoke to me orally and also showed me a vision of His whitened harvest fields. I shall not cease to rejoice over this experience. I accepted the call anticipating a quick and easy trip to some foreign country, but I did not understand then that there must be a period of testing and preparation.

No vision or dream accompanied Ruth's call to the missions field, but it was the God-given realization that people are lost and dying without Jesus Christ, and multitudes do not know that they can be saved. Seemingly she could see them going out into eternity in throngs, with no one telling them that Jesus saves. And the words, "These, too, must hear," would go through her mind over and over again. "To explain to anyone how I know God has a work for me to do," says Ruth, "would be difficult—and possibly it could not be done—but I know deep in my heart that God is leading and I have the assurance that I am in His will."

Janet asks the question, "Can we afford to accept the mercies of Christ and turn our backs on a world bound in darkness?" Every Christian must answer this for himself. She considers the spiritual and material indebtedness to our heavenly Father, who has blessed us and states, "I am therefore bound to serve Him in the same love and devotion that Christ extended to me."

Mary Frances bases her future in missions on Jesus' commission to the church to set as its goal the evangelization of the world. She read the Scriptures, looked up and saw the need, then gave herself to fill a need. You can best understand her dedication by reading her own words, "While we seek methods, God is seeking men and women to go and tell the world that Jesus saves. Statistics reveal that 85% of the world is unevangelized 2,000 years after the commission was given in Matthew 28:19, 20. We must yield ourselves to God's service; we are insufficient; God is

all-sufficient. The need for this work burns in my heart. God's Spirit witnesses with my spirit that I can work in this capacity. God uses the weak things of this life to gain glory for himself and each life yielded to Him can make the statistics of the unsaved smaller."

Now that the time for our departure draws near, I can see how perfectly God has worked out every detail of this journey. There is nothing more satisfying than trusting Him. I am looking forward to working in Brazil with Ruth, Mary and Janet, whom I know to be dedicated young ladies. I believe that God shall supply all our needs according to His riches in glory as we yield our lives to His service.

—Millie Crosswhite
Sandpoint, Idaho

HOW WE GOT TOGETHER

Many people have asked how four different girls from different parts of the United States managed to make their plans together to go to Brazil. Millie is from Idaho; Ruth, from Arkansas; Mary Frances, from Tennessee; and I am from California. Certainly our backgrounds and home lives were not the same. Our heavenly Father, however, has given to each of us the gift of eternal life through His Son Christ Jesus and a portion of His great love that we might serve Him by telling others about Jesus. Each of us felt that God would have us prepare ourselves for His service, and Lee College proved to be the place where we would receive the spiritual and educational guidance we so needed.

Millie came to Lee a year before the rest of us, and she and Ruth became very close friends. They often talked of making plans to go to the missions field, but the doors to the outside world seemed to be closed. She graduated in 1959 with a B.A. in liberal arts and went to Idaho to teach school, still praying and believing that God would open a door for her to the missions field when the time came.

We had all met the Missions Board from time to time and talked to Brother Aultman concerning our desire for service in a foreign field. Although they lacked the funds and a particular opening, they encouraged us to seek God's will in this matter. One

day last fall while Mary Frances and I were in the office, Brother Aultman handed us a bulletin containing information about job opportunities in Brazil, and so the seed was planted.

The two of us began to seek God earnestly concerning Brazil and soon it became the only thing about which we could talk intelligently. Ruth happened to sit across the table from us in the cafeteria a few days later, and since we knew that she was interested in South America, we began to tell her of the possibilities in Brazil. As the three of us talked over the lunch table that day, it seemed that the Holy Spirit was in the midst guiding our very conversation. Ruth and I had never been particularly close friends, but God was placing a calling on our hearts that could be answered only through the love of Christ. The three of us were finding new friends in Christ who would stick closer than a brother.

It seemed that we needed a fourth person to round out our group, someone who had a practical, steady hand combined with a real love for service. Ruth wrote a long letter to Millie telling her of our dreams and plans and asking her to join us. We waited for her return letter, praying that God would deal with her as He had with us concerning the need in Brazil. Finally her letter came and we rejoiced in the Lord, for now our group was complete. We knew, without doubt, that God by His Holy Spirit was leading us step by step to the work He would have us do.

—Janet Carter
Willows, California

WHY BRAZIL?

Each of us had already met the Missions Board in previous years requesting assignment to the field. Our desire was to tell the gospel of Christ to a lost and dying world. None of us were sure at first where we should go, so we just waited upon the Lord knowing that He would work out His will in our lives.

Janet and I went to the Missions Department at the beginning of the fall school term of 1959 to talk with Brother Aultman once again of our desire to serve the Master as missionaries. We knew that the Church's funds were limited, and that we might have to go in some secular capacity; but we were willing to do that in order to fulfill the call that had been placed upon our hearts. On the E.F.M.A. news bulletin that was handed to us that day we found teaching positions listed as being available in Brazil. That seemed to ring a note with us.

We wrote letters to the addresses listed in the bulletin, and the reply was that the addresses listed were a mistake. But we had already been praying and studying and felt that this was the field for us. As a result of our studies, we found that Brazil is a huge country larger than the United States. Her population of about 55,000,000 is predominantly Catholic. Even yet, there exists a number of heathen sects which were brought from Africa by the slaves (now free), and also there are some Indians who practice

Millie Crosswhite

After graduation from four years Liberal Arts at Lee College has taught school.



Janet Carter

Received the Balfour award in art. Worked at night while attending college.



Mary Frances Poe

Salutatorian of Bible College graduating class. Worked full time while attending college for four years.



Ruth Crawford

The first Lee College graduate to have four years of "straight A" grades. Worked in the editorial department of the Publishing House.



heathen religion, living savagely in the Amazon area. There are only a million and a half Protestants in the country. The need in that huge country is great, and our workers are few.

We heard of the great work that Brother Bill Watson is doing in the area of the new capital city and in the interior. We wanted to go help him and his wife there. We heard of his high hopes for a Bible school in Brasilia, and we wanted to help with that. Fifty per cent of the people in Brazil are illiterate. The government officials are doing their best to overcome this handicap to Brazil's prosperity; they welcome all educational facilities. They have given the Church of God some land on which the school is being erected, and we believe the needs will be supplied for the establishment of it.

The burden of our hearts is multiple: we desire to be able to teach and help establish the Word of God in their hearts, and we desire to go into regions of Brazil where the gospel has never been preached that the inhabitants there may know, too, of the good news of salvation and of Christ's power to save.

With the building of this new capital city, with the progress of the country in other ways, with the democratic form of government, and with the pioneer spirit high among the people, we believe this is the time for spiritual progress for the country of Brazil. This is the "land of the future." These are people who want the truth, for the truth will make them free!

—Mary Frances Poe
Chattanooga, Tennessee

THE FAITH ASPECT

"You're certainly taking a big step!" "You have more nerve than I have!" "It sounds like a real adventure!" These and other remarks have been thrown our way when friends have learned what we hope to do.

That the Missions Department could not presently fit us into their financial budget and promise us support has not hindered our plans. We unburdened our souls to them at the Board meeting in February, and they assured us that we had their approval and that they would support us entirely if only the budget would allow it. Realizing that the Missions Department does all that is possible with the missions funds that come through their offices, we felt it compulsory that we not wait until the time when they could support us. By planning wisely and sacrificing a little, we hope to get to Brazil on our own means.

We have had the use of Sister Stark's recorded study course of the Portuguese language, and have put diligent practice into this learning. In every practical way we have been preparing for our venture of faith since the Lord began dealing with our hearts.

Upon our arrival in Brazil, we expect that one or two of us will be able to get work to support the team until such time that we will receive other support. This will leave the other girls free to do full-time missions work and the "working" girl or girls can do whatever

possible outside of working hours. Though this plan may not be so easily fulfilled in a strange country among people with customs different from ours, and no doubt the language will be a barrier, we are trusting God to supply our needs according to His will. We know that He never fails. We have entrusted our lives to Him and believe that He will use us to win souls to Christ.

In addition to this, we have faith in God that He will care for our families and friends while we are away. Even as we prepare to leave, we can feel huge lumps rise in our throats at the thought that possibly we will not return on furlough to find things as we left them. And it will be just as difficult for our parents to see us leave. But we rest in this assurance: God makes no mistakes; He does all things well.

Furthermore, we have faith that *you* will remember us in prayer. If we are able to accomplish anything for God, it will be because you prayed for us. A. C. Dixon said these words in a sermon some years ago, and we have found them to be true: "When we rely upon organization, we get what organization can do; when we rely upon education, we get what education can do; when we rely upon eloquence, we get what eloquence can do. But when we rely upon prayer, we get what God can do." —Ruth Crawford

Cherry Valley, Arkansas



foreign notes

The China Inland Mission has received reports from behind the bamboo curtain indicating that there are no churches left in all the north Salween area of China. Here the Lisu Church with its estimated 15,000 zealous believers used to make the mountain chasms resound with their hymns of praise. Some have escaped to Burma, but the rest of the pastors and teachers have died as martyrs in many unspeakable ways.

Church leaders report that the visit of Emperor Haile Selassie to Moscow last year has not produced any visible change in the traditionally pro-Christian outlook of the Ethiopian government. (MNS)

The Curipaco Indians in Colombia, South America, now have the New Testament in their own tribal language. Sophie Muller of the New Tribes Mission went to the Curipacos, learned their language, gave them the gospel, taught them to read and write, and after long years of tedious labor completed the translation of the New Testament. (Missionary Broadcaster)

Moscow Radio announces that a new kind of "Sunday School" is appearing in various parts of the USSR. It is a "Sunday School of atheistic knowledge" featuring courses by leading scientists. (MNS)

Question Corner?

See what you know about Church of God missions. The answers are found on page 14.

1. In what South American country has the Church of God recently opened its newest mission work?
2. What is the name of the missionary who was sent there?
3. What is the name of the book which contains the history of Church of God missions?
4. Who was the missionary that was "closed in" behind China's Iron Curtain and later died in Communist territory?
5. Since this is Golden Anniversary Year, and our first mission was opened fifty years ago, do you know who was the first Church of God missionary?
6. Do you know where this mission was located?
7. Who was appointed to serve as the first Missions Executive Secretary?
8. Where is the headquarters of the West Indies work?
9. What native of the Gilbert Islands returned there from the States after 34 years, to be our Church of God missionary?
10. What is the one peril that faces the Church of God missions in Nigeria today?

NORTH CLEVELAND MISSION RALLY

On the joy of a pastor to see a mission offering reach \$7,000, then \$8,000, and nine and ten, then finally push its way over \$11,000. There was great rejoicing in the congregation also for everyone had heard the voice of God and the money sacrifice in His holy place was to be the means of many hundreds more converts from spiritual bondage in many lands.

It was the pastor's deserved right to rejoice, for although God had



The Guaimi Indians of north Central Panama. Seventy-eight members were brought into the Church of God at Cerro Viejo. Brother Angwick, the missionary is at front left. Irene Rodriguez, district pastor, is at extreme right, and next to him are Emiliano Miranda, the pastor, and Belisario Madrid.

HEALED BY THE POWER OF GOD

Colabrio Arena had been helpless and bedridden for three years and seven months, existing on liquids.

Pablo Carpentero had passed blood from an issue for over four years.

Estervina Santo was in witchcraft, and had suffered with something in the throat similar to a frog.

Carmelita de Pinilla had suffered with a stomach tumor for two years.

PANAMA

VICTORY AGAIN

They said it couldn't be done, but if God be for us, who can be against us? Our brethren in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, under the direction of Brother L. T. Bolan, have won another victory over the enemy, and we now have a new Spanish Church of God. This is the only Spanish church on the island.

In 1954 when the Bolans went to the Virgin Islands, there were about twelve adults and twelve children in the Spanish Sunday School. The attendance grew to 50 children and 25 adults by winter of 1957. They all met in one room of the English church and were instructed by one teacher.

It was then the Lord spoke to the Bolans to build, and they made immediate plans which resulted in procuring permits, materials, and even a pastor. Brother Miguel Diaz, who went there in January of 1958, helped to lead the hard-working self-denying people, even in the face of the enemy, until in February, 1960, the doors were opened for worship and the dedication took place.

A BIKE FOR BROTHER DOMINGO

Not long ago we received from Brother Vessie D. Hargrave a request for a bicycle in northern Argentina for one, Domingo Sanchez. The letter contained also a recommendation that this be given as a project for someone interested in supplying a bike for a native worker. Two days later came a letter written by Miss Barbara Bounds. "Enclosed is \$50 for the purchase of a bicycle for a missionary wherever it is most needed."

The need was being supplied through God's direction before it was ever voiced!

So would God provide for needy ones everywhere if only His people would trustingly follow His leadings.

THANKS

For used clothing to be distributed to the underprivileged believers in foreign fields.

Mrs. Tom Kain, Bay City, Texas

Louis Harland, DeKalb, Illinois

Essie Mansfield, St. Petersburg, Florida

Rev. A. H. Clark, Jr., Anderson, South Carolina

Callie R. Purvis, Staunton, Virginia

Monarat Church of God, Woodlawn, Virginia

Hattie Shoemaker, Fort White, Florida

Mrs. W. R. Anderson, Savannah, Georgia

Rev. Paul Shoemaker, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

Elkton, Maryland Church of God

Rev. Cecil B. Deel, Bee, Virginia

Mrs. Lillian Stevens, West Palm Beach, Florida

Elizabeth Golden, Cleveland, Tennessee

Anna Ingram, Middletown, Ohio, for two Bibles and other literature

Esther Dutruck, Bush, Louisiana, for literature

Sixty-five boxes of clothing were prepared for shipment to Chile.

Gran Canon, on the Atlantic coast of Guatemala. The enemies of the gospel, ever seeking to oppose the efforts of the brethren in that place, set fire to the thatch roof, which burnt completely. The church members continue steadfast in their effort, knowing that no labor in the Lord is in vain. (W. R. McCall)

Answers

1. Bolivia. The first service was held there on January 1, 1960.
2. Daniel Cubillos (pronounced Koo-bee-yos), a native of Chile.
3. *Where the Saints Have Trod*, written by Charles W. Conn in 1959.
4. Paul C. Pitt. It is reported that he died in September, 1944.
5. R. M. Evans and wife Ida, Carl M. Padgett set sail December 31, 1909, and arrived at their destination January 4, 1910.
6. They sailed from Miami and the foreign soil upon which they set foot was at Nassau, in the Bahama Islands.
7. M. P. Cross, who had been a member of the Foreign Missions Board since its origin in 1926.
8. The headquarters of the work in the West Indies is located in Miami, and it is directed by A. W. Brummett.
9. Edward Kustel and American wife, Alma, in 1955.
10. The British Colony is scheduled to become independent in September 1960. The nationalistic spirit which brings this about leaves the future of Christian missions uncertain.



Facts About Foreign Fields

By FLOYD D. CAREY, Jr.

MISSIONS STATISTICS and admonitions can be cold and unimportant, and can contain very little actuating information for the average believer. But when statements are made, and percentages given, concerning the decrease in spirituality of American Christians and churches, our country's departure from holy precepts and her fallen standards, these accounts are received vigorously and without question. The Christian accepts the authenticity of these reports because the evidence can be viewed openly.

When inhuman and woeful revelations are related about foreign fields, however, the believer appears to be untouched and accepts the facts as he would fiction. When an individual is able personally to view the drastic condition of the unheralded, he is convinced of the need and cannot be restrained from making moves to help and to reach these people. This may be the reason some are not touched with stories and statistics of the Christless; they have never witnessed the need personally. But all cannot go; all cannot take a trip and view the compelling circumstances firsthand. All can know, however, that missions is an intrinsic part of God's divine program by embracing a meek spirit and a willingness to obey Christ in all charges of Christian service.

The ugly, but authentic, figures contained in this article are no different from countless others that you have reviewed. But with the soul-invoking appeal to exert all efforts to unfurl the gospel tidings

in every nation, these figures can be changed. These provoking, undisguised mission realities can exhibit a new importance and effect a personal accountability that you have never witnessed or realized. Read these facts prayerfully and with a sincere appeal to the heavenly Father, "What wilt thou have me to do?"

The Urgency of Sacrificing

1. American religious organizations disburse the staggering sum of one and a half billion dollars every year for church buildings. A scarcely visible portion of 2 per cent of that amount goes to reach the heathen.

2. In the enlightened age of our time, over one billion, four hundred million souls exist without knowledge of Christ or salvation.

3. The world's population is placed at 2.8 billion. A look at universal evangelism indicates that one million Christian workers serve the 100,000 churches of the 170 million people of the United States. Only 27,000 missionaries work among the other two billion people of the world.

4. The Russian government spends three and a half billion dollars a year just to jam other radio stations. This is more money than all the nations of the free world together spend on their combined broadcast operation.

The Urgency of Distributing Christian Literature

1. Over 100 million adults have learned to read in one generation. Reading ability is being acquired

by others at the immense rate of one million a week.

2. Before the power of the page is realized and counter-attack movements are instituted, 800 million more will learn to read.

3. Wycliffe Bible translators estimate it will take 160 years more before all tribes of the world have at least a portion of the Word of God in their own language.

The Urgency of Prayer

1. An evangelist could spend 205 years preaching eight services a day at eight different villages in India where people do not have the gospel.

2. Less than 50 openly confessed Christians in a population of 7,000,000 is the story of Arabia.

3. The effects of the gospel were never felt or heard by 750 million souls during the last generation. Their earthly stay came to a close without light or liberty.

4. Tokyo, Japan, is the world's largest city with nearly 9 million people. Our foothold in this area is very weak. A meager portion of only one tenth of one per cent of all Japan is Christian.

5. No American missionaries are left in China, where once there were 4,500.

6. There are 950 million people in the world influenced by Communism.

7. Only 5 per cent of India's population are Christians.

"If called to be a missionary, don't stoop to be a king." (Spurgeon)

VICTORY AGAIN



HONDURAS

The "Georgia" headed for the Utila Cays for baptizing services. Twenty-nine persons were baptized.

Under this house the Utila Cays Church of God began. Most of the people were saved during the last week in November.



Photo: W. A. Abreu

Missionary Pedro Abreu, and his wife and workers, travel up the Coco River in the northeastern section of Nicaragua. This is the only means of travel to settlements

where new missions are being established.

The Puerto Cabezas Church is 22 x 43 feet and has 21 benches,

all built by Brother Abreu. The project was sponsored by Brother E. L. Newton and the Tampa, Florida Church.

